Announcing legislation to strengthen and expand benefits for disabled officers and their families. May 11, 2009

WASHINGTON, D.C. - United States Senator Mary Landrieu, D-La., and Representative Charlie Melancon, D-La., will hold a press conference Thursday to recognize the police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty last year and are being honored at this year's National Police Week. Five Louisiana officers will be recognized this year, and their names will be formally dedicated on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Fallen officers from Jefferson, Thibodaux, Lafourche, New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Evangeline parishes are being honored, and their colleagues and/or family are expected to attend the press conference.

Who: U.S. Senator Mary L. Landrieu, D-La. and

Rep. Charlie Melancon, LA-03

What: Press conference in honor of Police Week; introduction of the First Responders

Support Act

When: Thursday, May 14 at 11:30 a.m. ET

Where: Russell Park (Senate Swamp)

Washington, D.C. 20510

Sen. Landrieu and Rep. Melancon will also discuss legislation they are introducing to strengthen and expand benefits for disabled police officers, firefighters, and their families.

Law enforcement officials and families of Louisiana's fallen officers including representatives from the following parishes:

- Jefferson
- Thibodaux
- Lafourche
- New Orleans
- Baton Rouge
- Evangeline

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